

Appl. No. 10/619,417
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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that the subject matter of claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so amended the claims in order to place the application in early condition for allowance.

The limitation from claim 3 has been added to claim 1 to form the new allowable claim which is a combination of claims 1 and 3. Claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 are dependent upon this claim either directly or indirectly.

In addition, allowable claim 4 has been combined with claim 1 as new claim 8. This claim is clearly in condition for allowance. In addition, a parallel set of claims corresponding to claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 have been added to the application dependent upon allowable claim 8.

Applicant most respectfully submits that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

The specification and drawings have been reviewed and found to be in good order.

In view of the above comments and amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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